



# State of Louisiana

## Department of Environmental Quality



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### **Environmental Notification**

#### **DEQ ANNOUNCES 2003 – 2004 LITTER ABATEMENT AWARDS**

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is pleased to announce the selection of 14 applicants to receive litter abatement grant money for the 2003 – 2004 fiscal year.

For the last several years, the Louisiana Legislature has appropriated \$200,000.00 from the state general fund to be used in litter abatement programs. These monies are managed by DEQ for the administration and execution of the Keep Louisiana Beautiful Programs by local governments, quasi-governmental units and nonprofit organizations. DEQ supports strong litter abatement programs, which have education, enforcement, and cleanup components.

Local governments, communities, and grassroot organizations demonstrate a high level of interest in keeping Louisiana beautiful by identifying and controlling litter problems in the state. Consequently, funding requests far exceed available resources. This year, seventy-two proposals were received from across Louisiana requesting funds totaling \$1,033,334.00.

“Local governments and neighborhood associations, partnering with DEQ and the legislature are visualizing and realizing a cleaner Louisiana for us all,” noted DEQ Secretary L. Hall Bohlinger. Through activities focusing on education, enforcement, and cleanups these organizations are working together to make the public more aware of litter laws and the effects of litter on our communities.

#### **Award recipients for 2003- 2004**

#### **State Funding Awarded**

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| City of Baton Rouge/Parish of East Baton Rouge | \$ 9,990 |
| City of Grambling                              | \$19,500 |
| City of Mandeville                             | \$15,300 |
| City of Natchitoches                           | \$ 9,700 |
| City of New Iberia                             | \$ 9,434 |
| City of Ville Platte                           | \$20,000 |
| Desoto Parish Police Jury                      | \$ 7,746 |
| East Carroll Parish Sheriff's Office           | \$ 4,825 |
| Jackson Parish Police Jury                     | \$12,375 |
| Keep Terrebonne Beautiful, Inc.                | \$20,000 |
| Livingston Parish                              | \$17,080 |
| Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury               | \$20,000 |
| St. Mary Parish Government                     | \$19,400 |
| Shreveport Green                               | \$ 4,650 |